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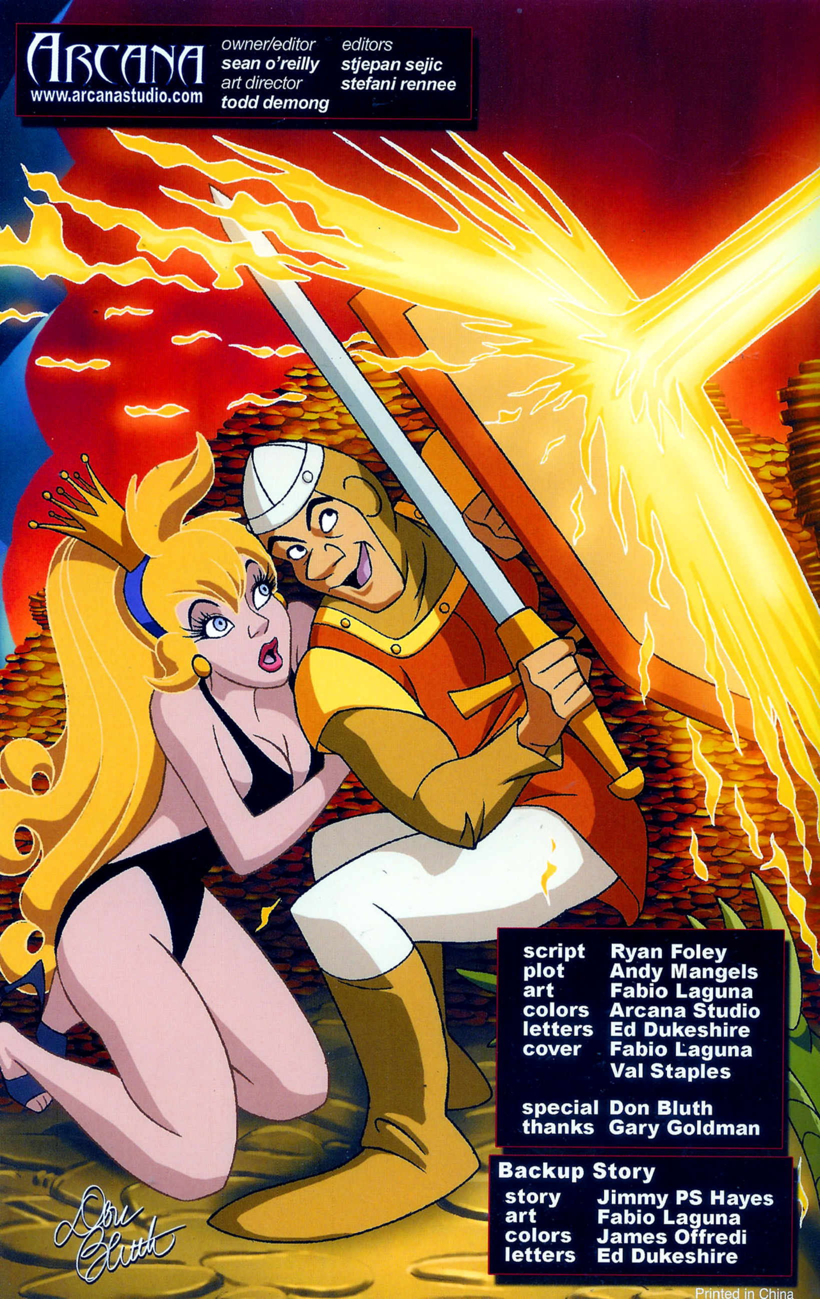

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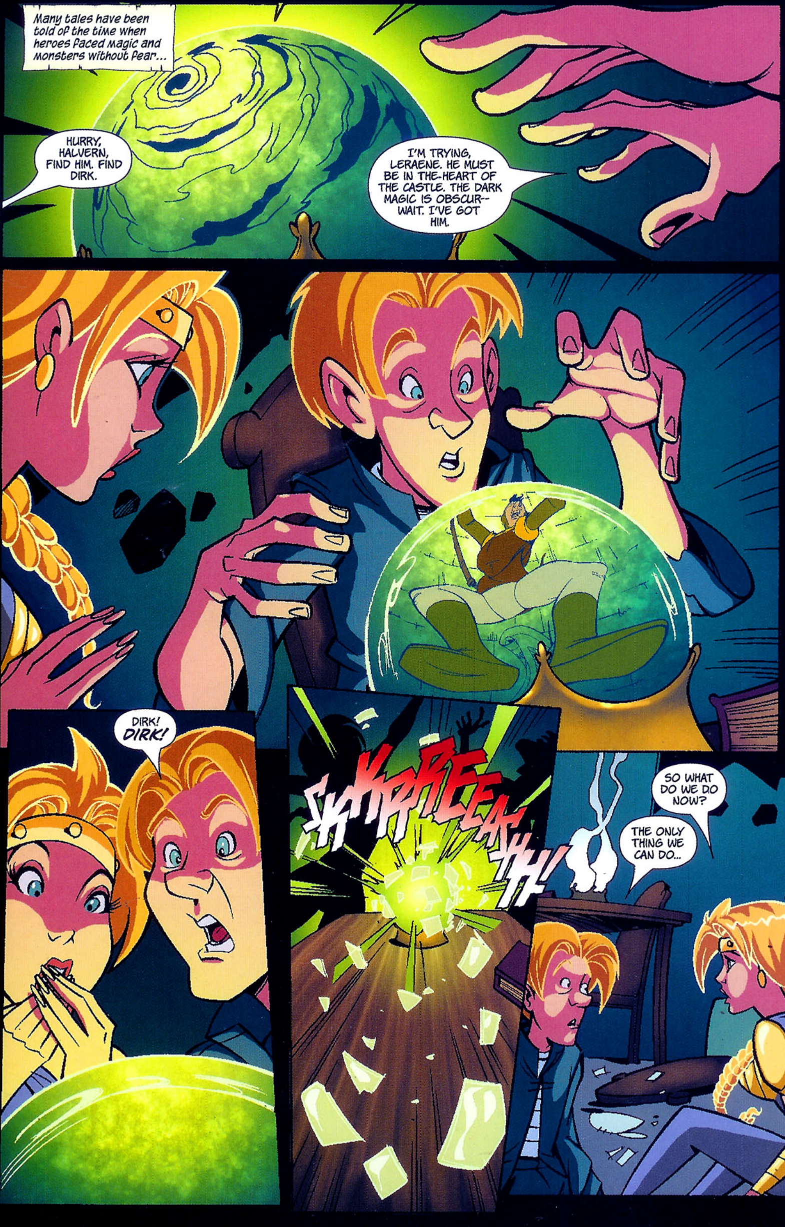
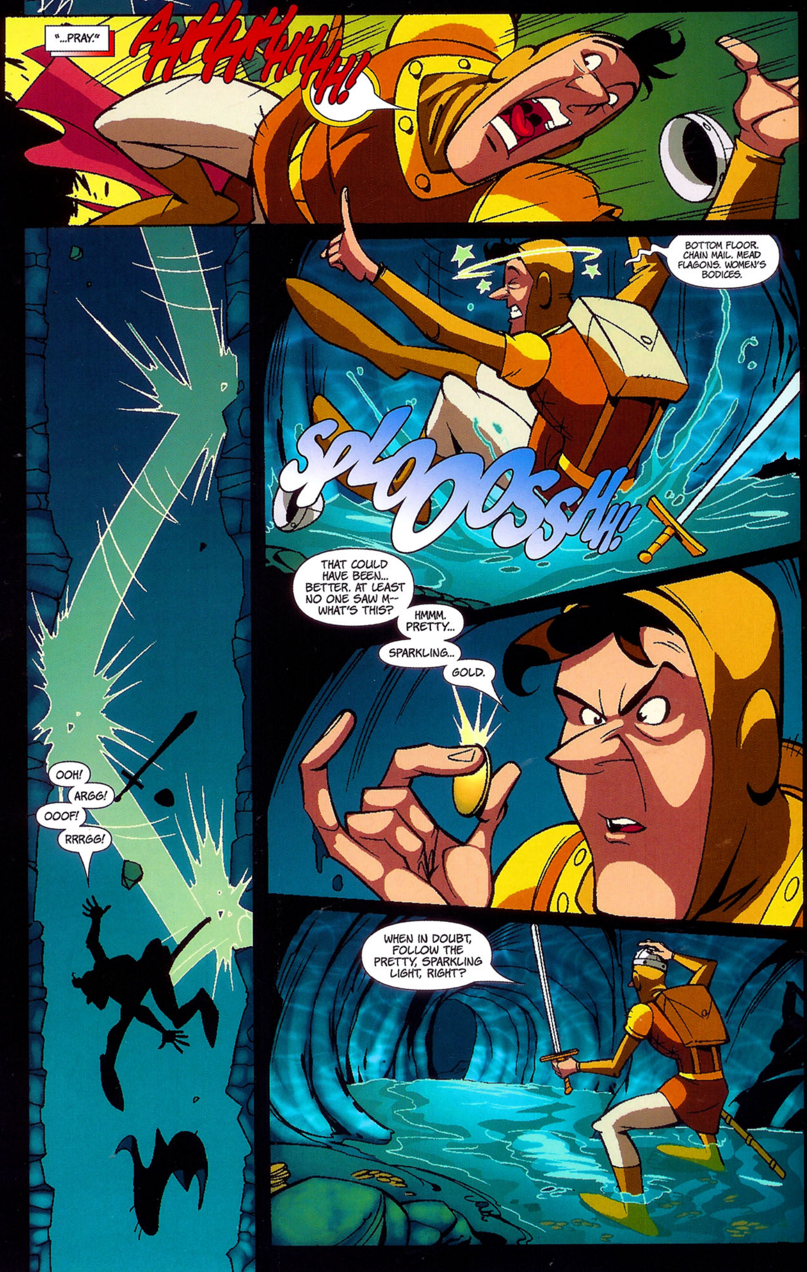
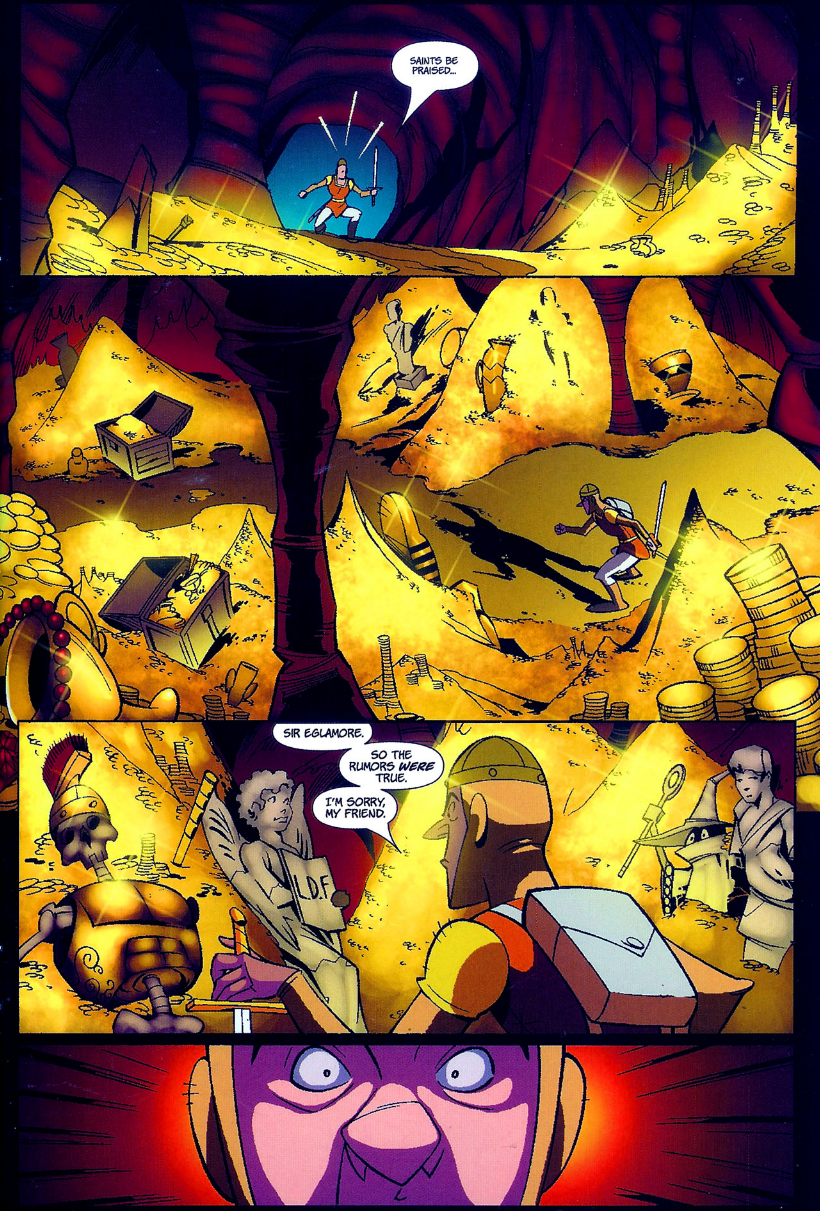
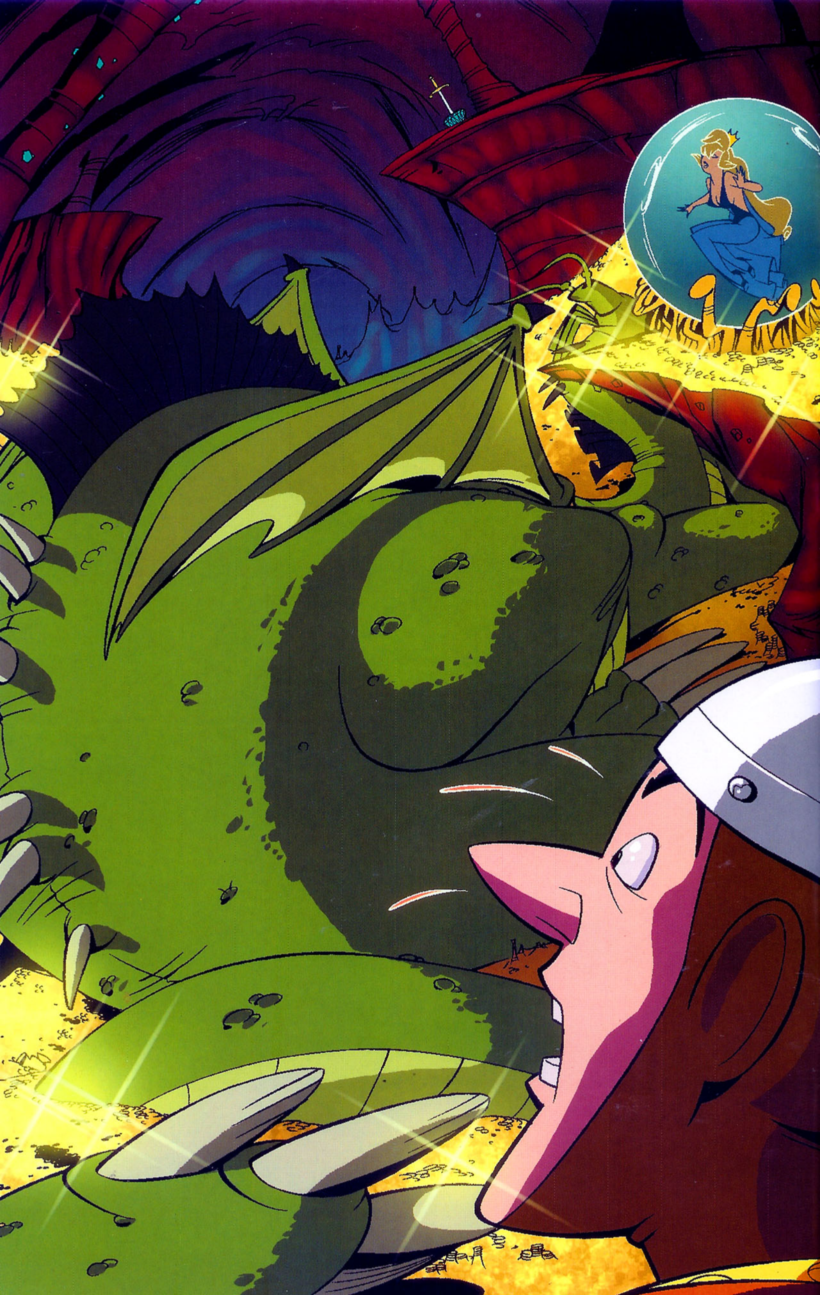
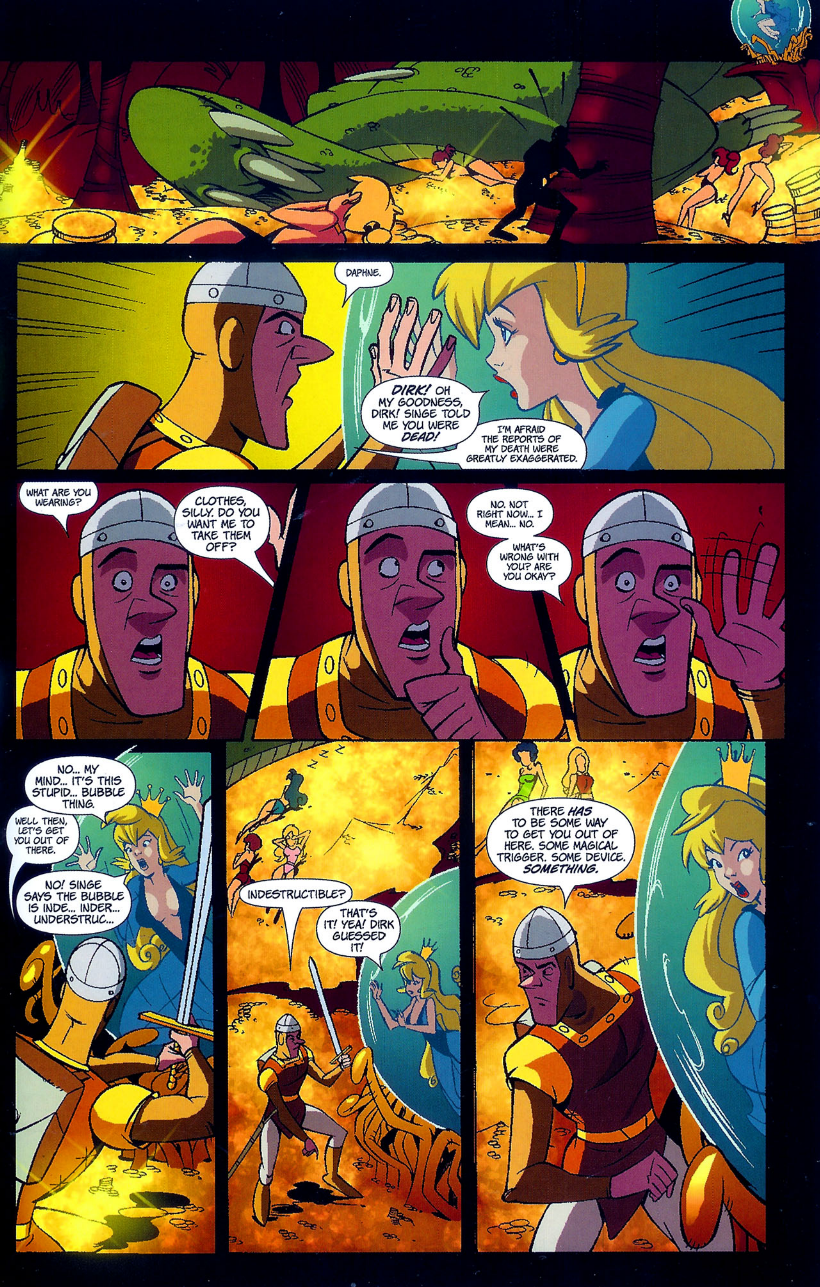
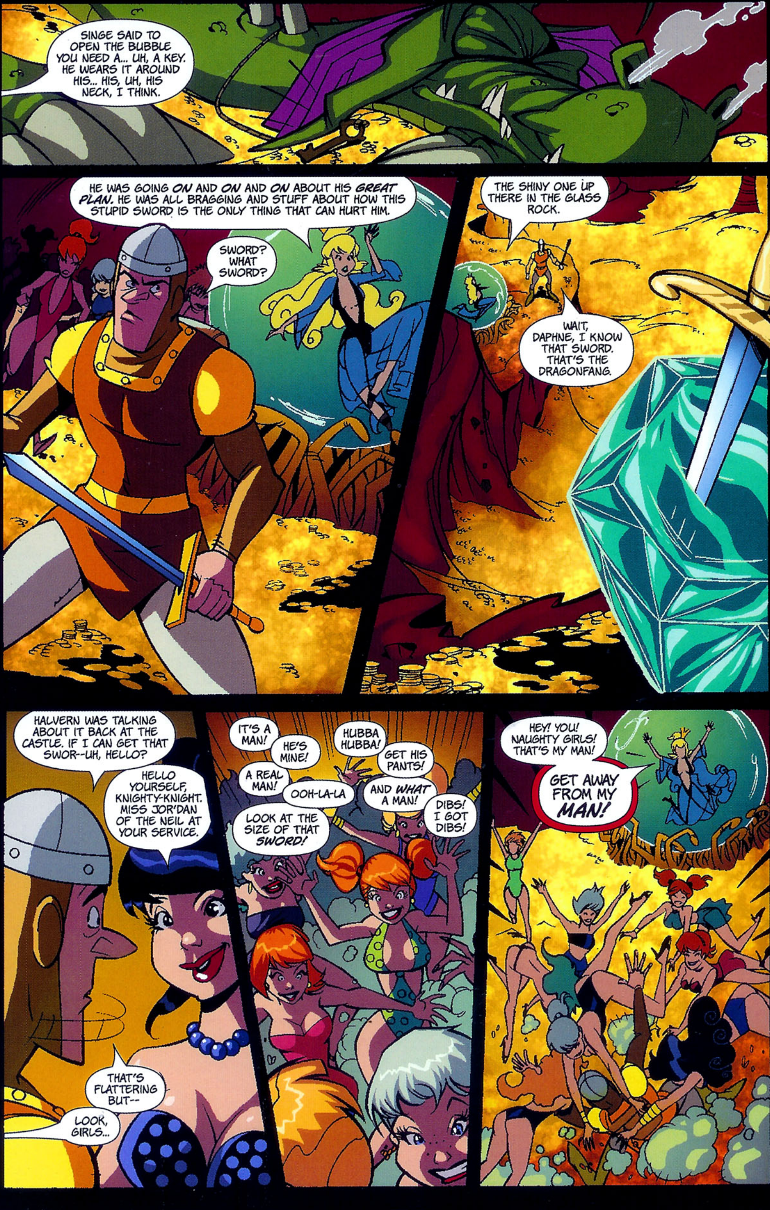

Many tales have been told of the time when heroes faced magic and monsters without fear...
HURRY, HALVERN, FIND HIM. FIND DIRK.
I'M TRYING, LERAENE. HE MUST BE IN THE-HEART OF THE CASTLE. THE DARK MAGIC IS OBSCUR-- WAIT. I'VE GOT HIM.
DIRK! DIRK!
SKKRREEAKHH!
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO...

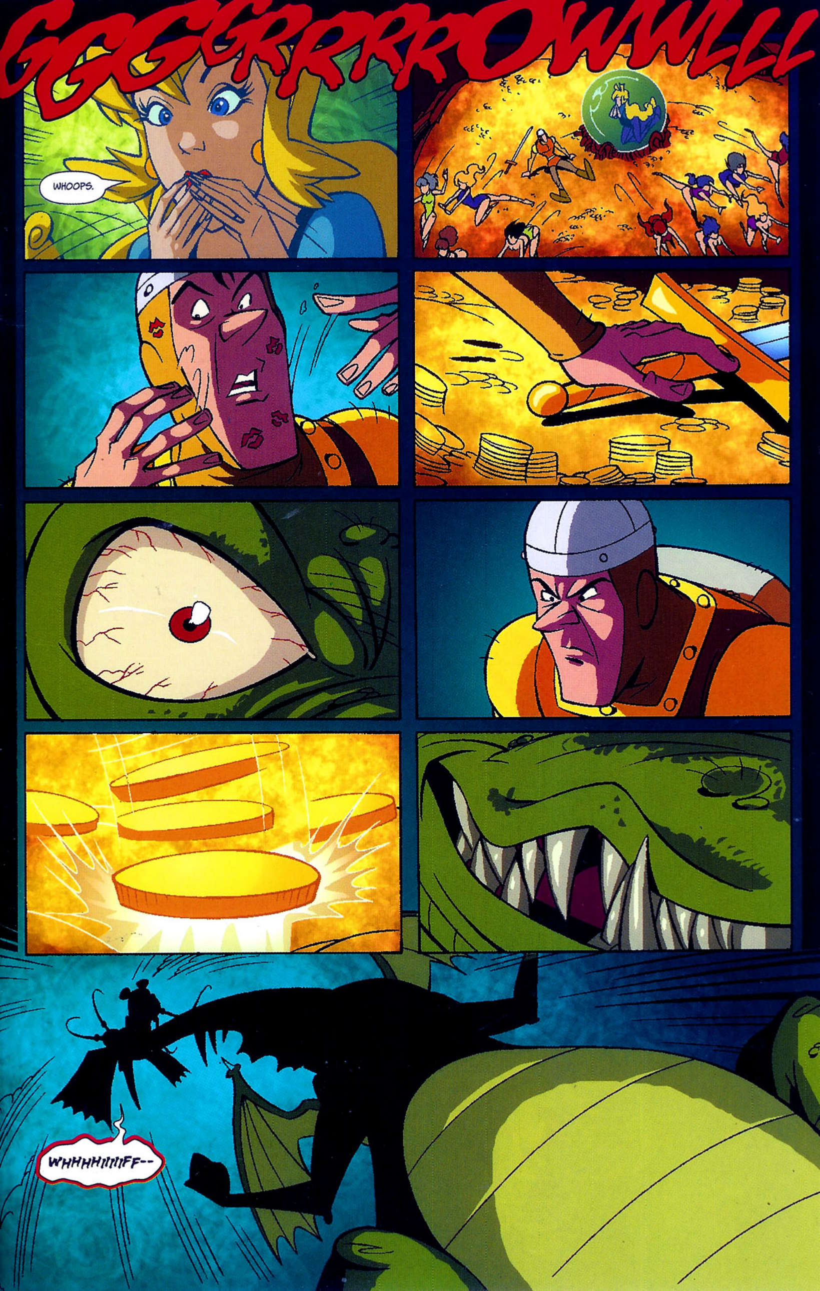

"...PRAY."
AHHHHHHHH!
OOH!
ARGG!
OOOF!
RRRGG!
BOTTOM FLOOR. CHAIN MAIL. MEAD FLAGONS. WOMEN'S BODICES.
SPLOOOOSSHH!
THAT COULD HAVE BEEN... BETTER. AT LEAST NO ONE SAW M-- WHAT'S THIS?
HMMM. PRETTY...
SPARKLING...
GOLD.
WHEN IN DOUBT, FOLLOW THE PRETTY, SPARKLING LIGHT, RIGHT?

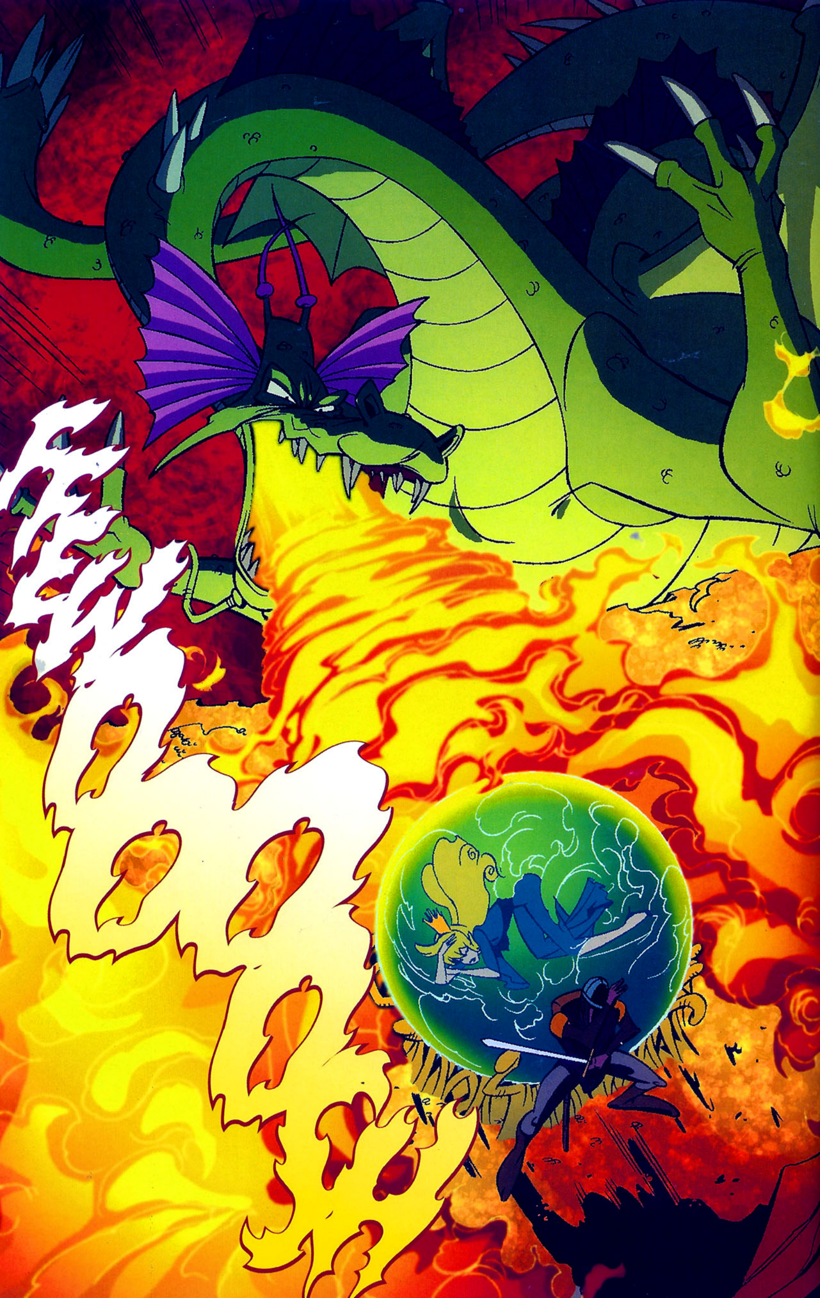

SAINTS BE PRAISED...
SIR EGLAMORE.
SO THE RUMORS *WERE* TRUE.
I'M SORRY, MY FRIEND.
L.D.F




DAPHNE.
DIRK! OH MY GOODNESS, DIRK! SINGE TOLD ME YOU WERE DEAD!
I'M AFRAID THE REPORTS OF MY DEATH WERE GREATLY EXAGGERATED.
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?
CLOTHES, SILLY. DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THEM OFF?
NO. NOT RIGHT NOW... I MEAN... NO.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? ARE YOU OKAY?
NO... MY MIND... IT'S THIS STUPID... BUBBLE THING.
WELL THEN, LET'S GET YOU OUT OF THERE.
NO! SINGE SAYS THE BUBBLE IS INDE... INDER... UNDERSTRUC...
INDESTRUCTIBLE?
THAT'S IT! YEA! DIRK GUESSED IT!
THERE HAS TO BE SOME WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE. SOME MAGICAL TRIGGER. SOME DEVICE. SOMETHING.


SINGE SAID TO OPEN THE BUBBLE YOU NEED A... UH, A KEY. HE WEARS IT AROUND HIS... HIS, UH, HIS NECK, I THINK.
HE WAS GOING *ON* AND *ON* AND *ON* ABOUT HIS *GREAT PLAN.* HE WAS ALL BRAGGING AND STUFF ABOUT HOW THIS STUPID SWORD IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN HURT HIM.
SWORD? WHAT SWORD?
THE SHINY ONE UP THERE IN THE GLASS ROCK.
WAIT, DAPHNE, I KNOW THAT SWORD. THAT'S THE DRAGONFANG.
HALVERN WAS TALKING ABOUT IT BACK AT THE CASTLE. IF I CAN GET THAT SWOR--UH, HELLO?
HELLO YOURSELF, KNIGHTY-KNIGHT. MISS JOR'DAN OF THE NEIL AT YOUR SERVICE.
THAT'S FLATTERING BUT--
LOOK, GIRLS...
IT'S A MAN!
HE'S MINE!
HUBBA HUBBA!
GET HIS PANTS!
A REAL MAN!
OOH-LA-LA
AND *WHAT* A MAN!
DIBS! I GOT DIBS!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT *SWORD!*
HEY! YOU! NAUGHTY GIRLS! THAT'S MY MAN!
GET AWAY FROM MY *MAN!*


GGGRRRRROWWLLL
WHOOPS.
WHHHHIIIIFF--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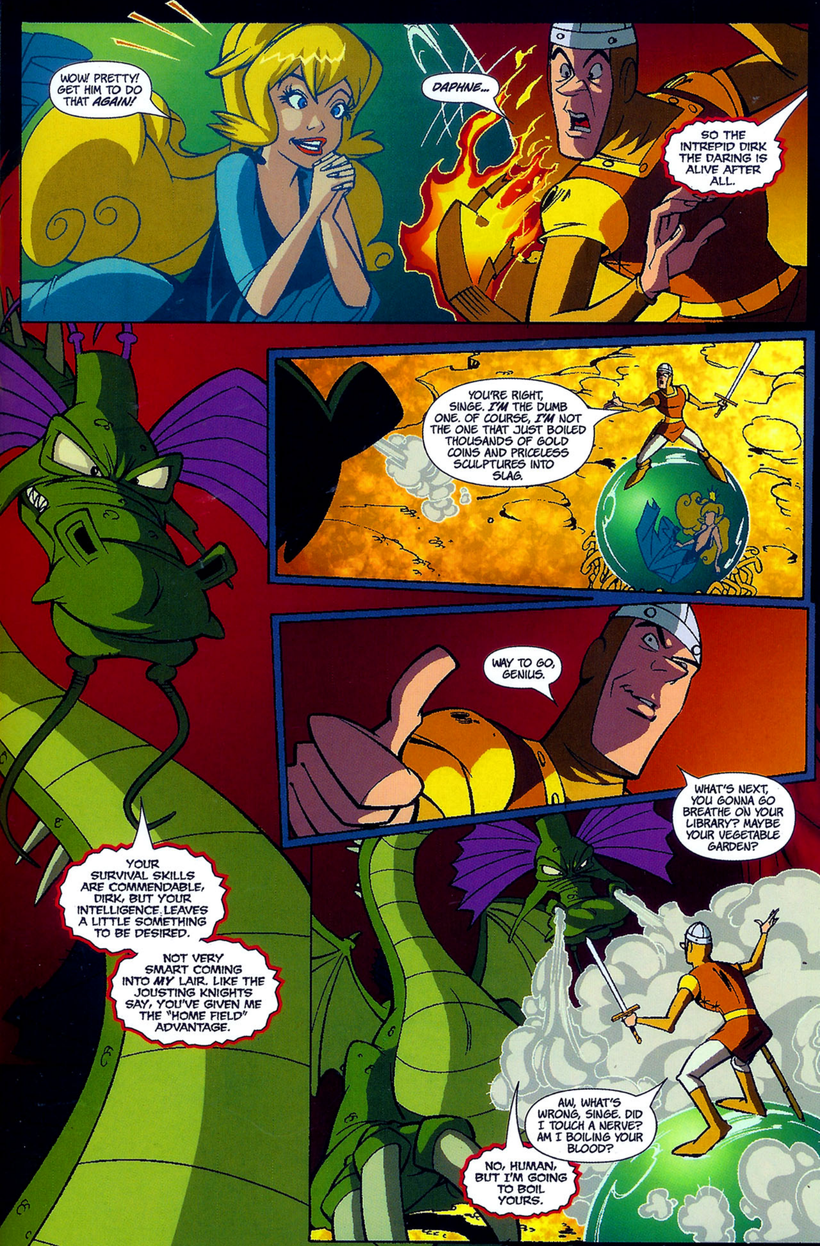
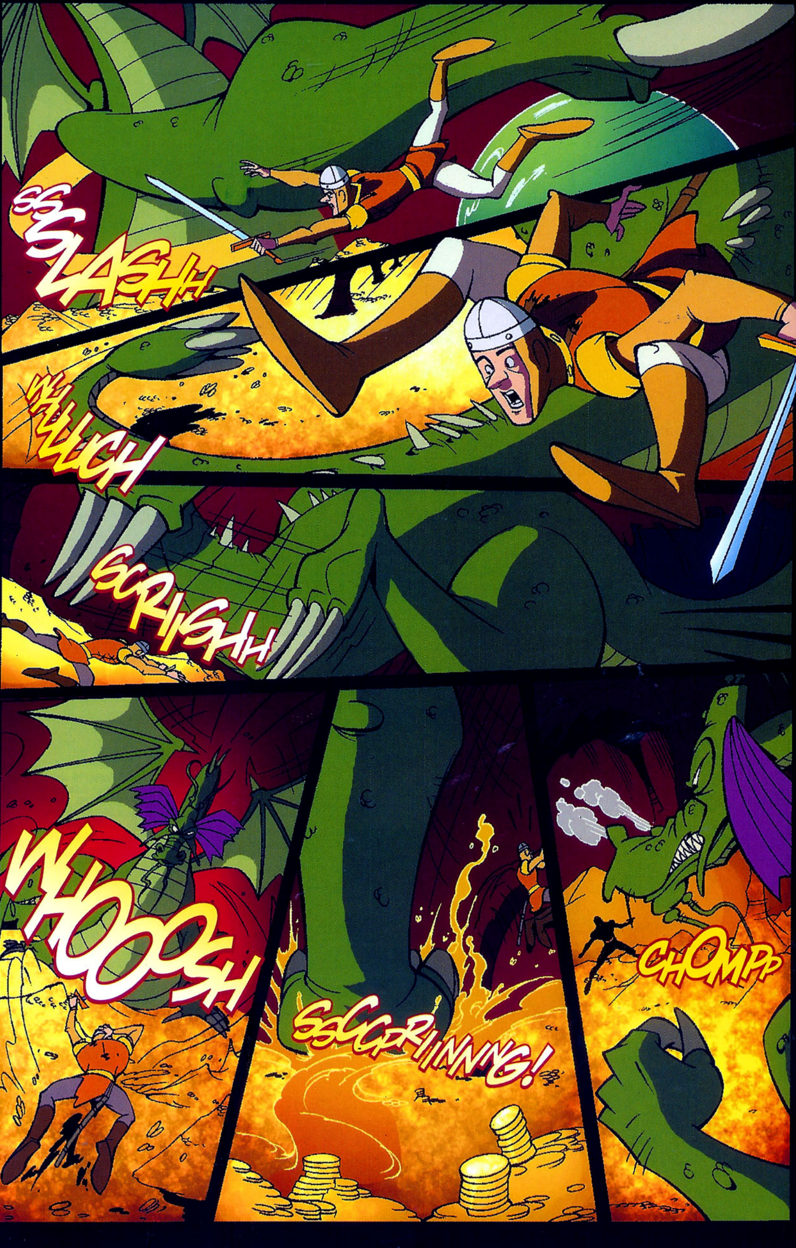
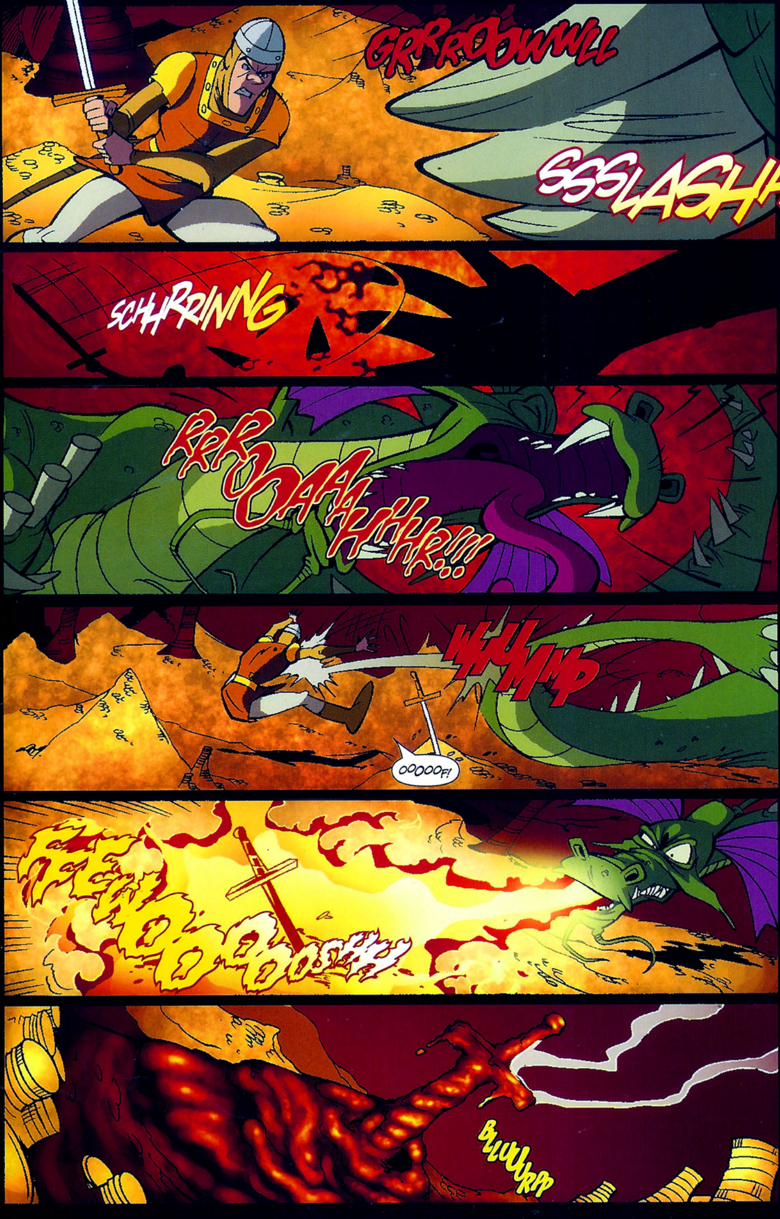
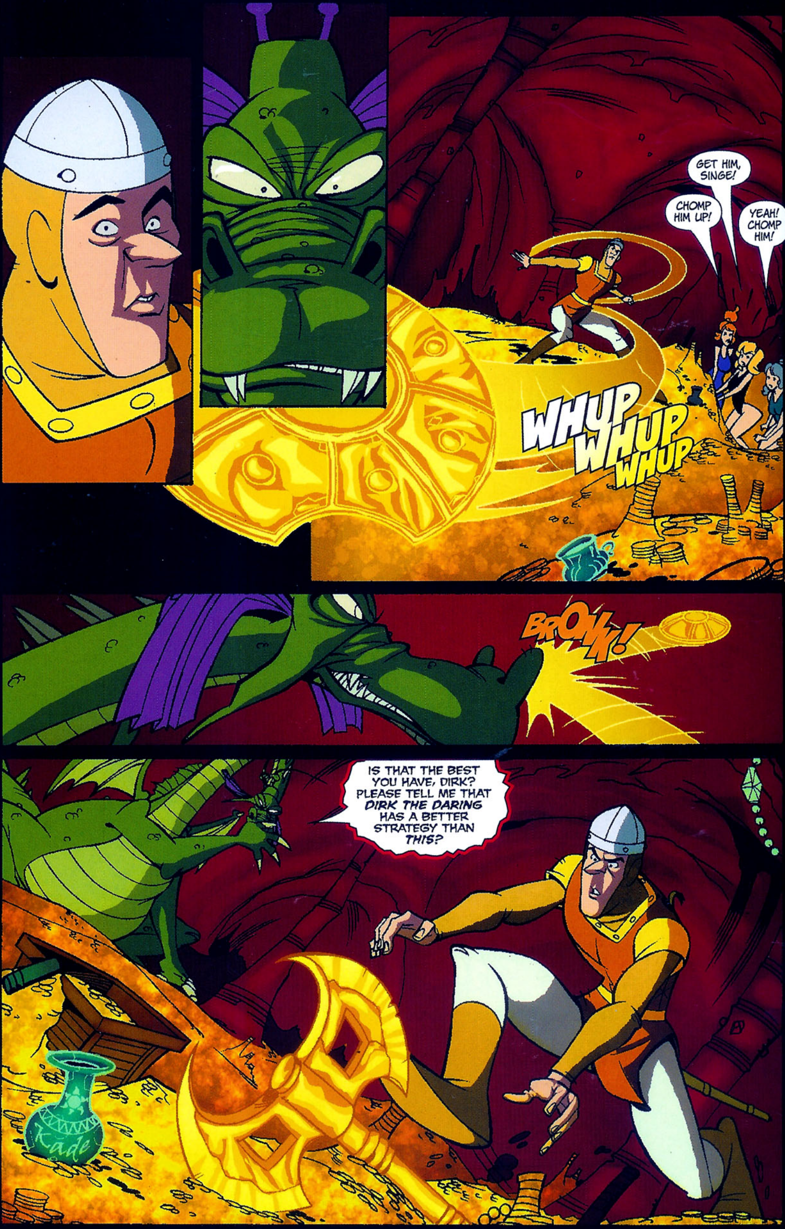
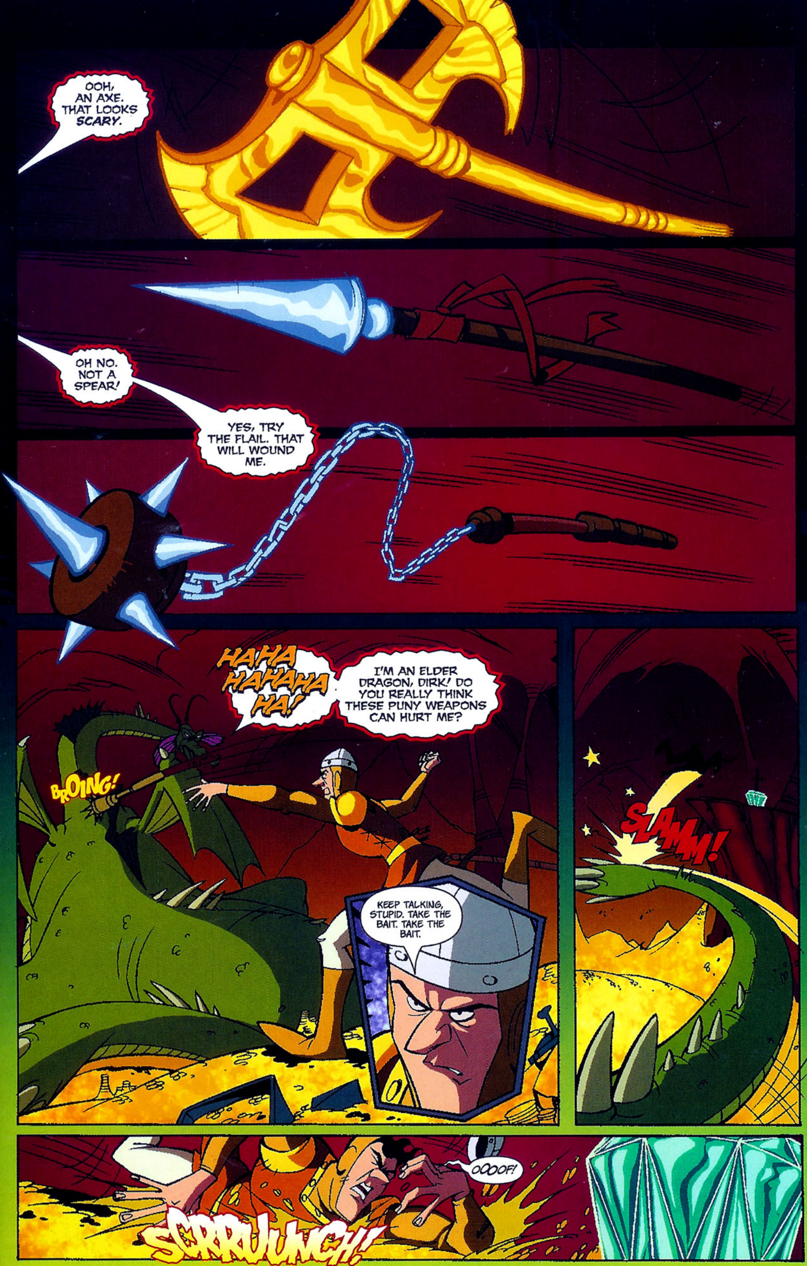
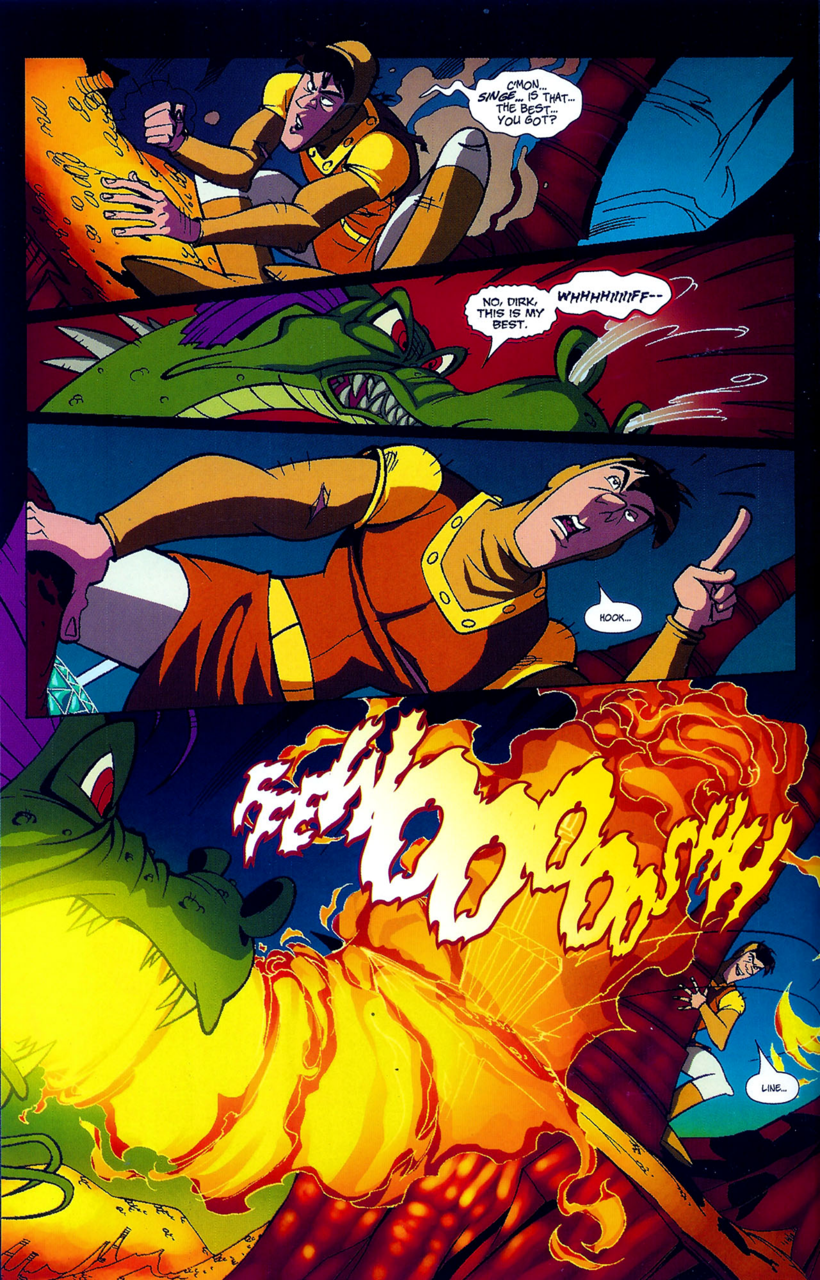

WOW! PRETTY! GET HIM TO DO THAT *AGAIN!*
DAPHNE...
SO THE INTREPID DIRK THE DARING IS ALIVE AFTER ALL.
YOUR SURVIVAL SKILLS ARE COMMENDABLE, DIRK, BUT YOUR INTELLIGENCE LEAVES A LITTLE SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED.
NOT VERY SMART COMING INTO *MY* LAIR. LIKE THE JOUSTING KNIGHTS SAY, YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE "HOME FIELD" ADVANTAGE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, SINGE. *I'M* THE DUMB ONE. OF COURSE, *I'M* NOT THE ONE THAT JUST BOILED THOUSANDS OF GOLD COINS AND PRICELESS SCULPTURES INTO SLAG.
WAY TO GO, GENIUS.
WHAT'S NEXT, YOU GONNA GO BREATHE ON YOUR LIBRARY? MAYBE YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN?
AW, WHAT'S WRONG, SINGE. DID I TOUCH A NERVE? AM I BOILING YOUR BLOOD?
NO, HUMAN, BUT I'M GOING TO BOIL YOURS.

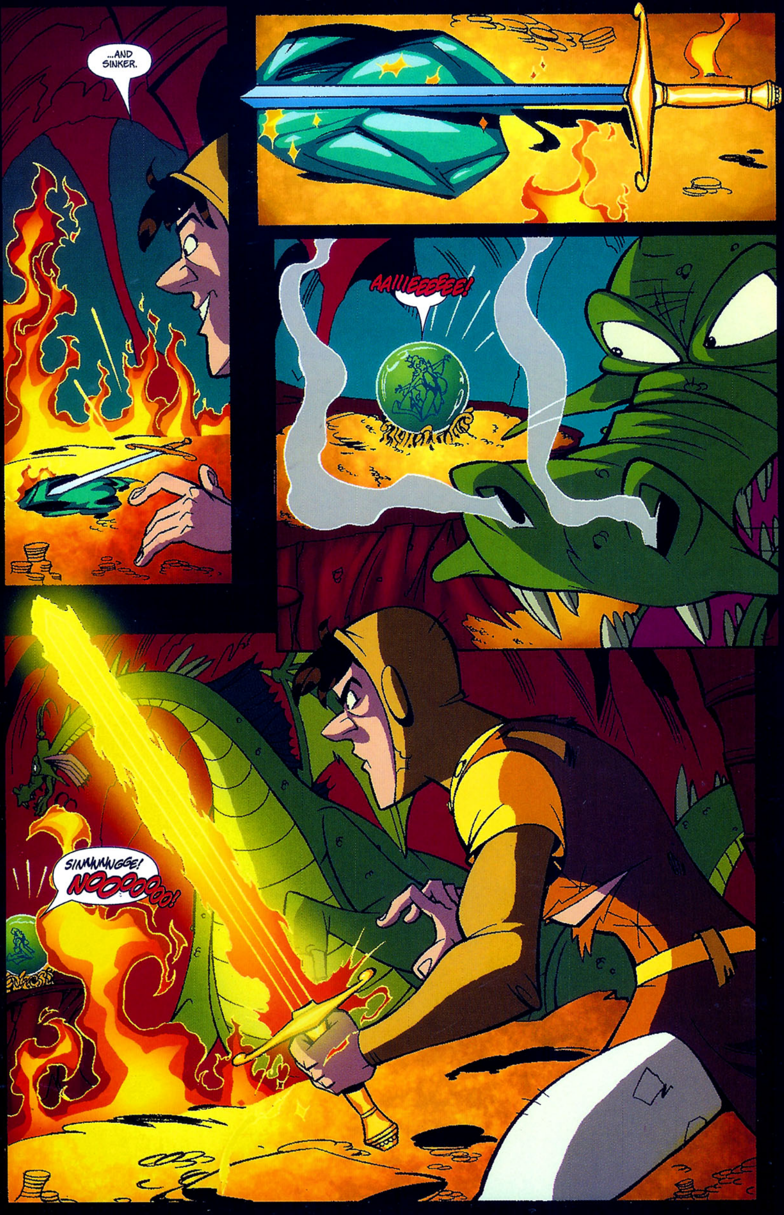

SSSLASHH
WHULCH
SCRIISHH
WHOOOSH
SSCCRIINNNG!
CHOMPP

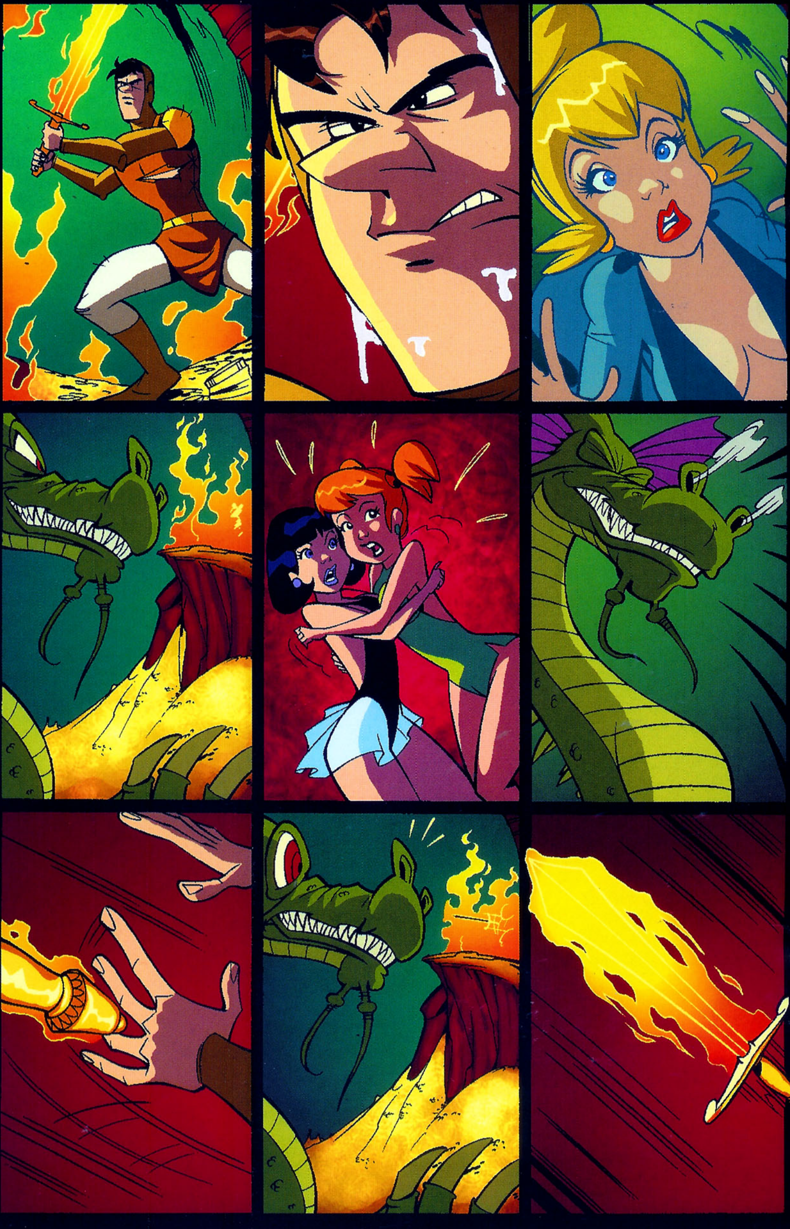

GRRROOWWLL
SSSLASHH
SCHHRRING
RRROOAAAHHHR!!!
WHUMMP
OOOOOF!
FFWOOOOOSH
BLLUURRP

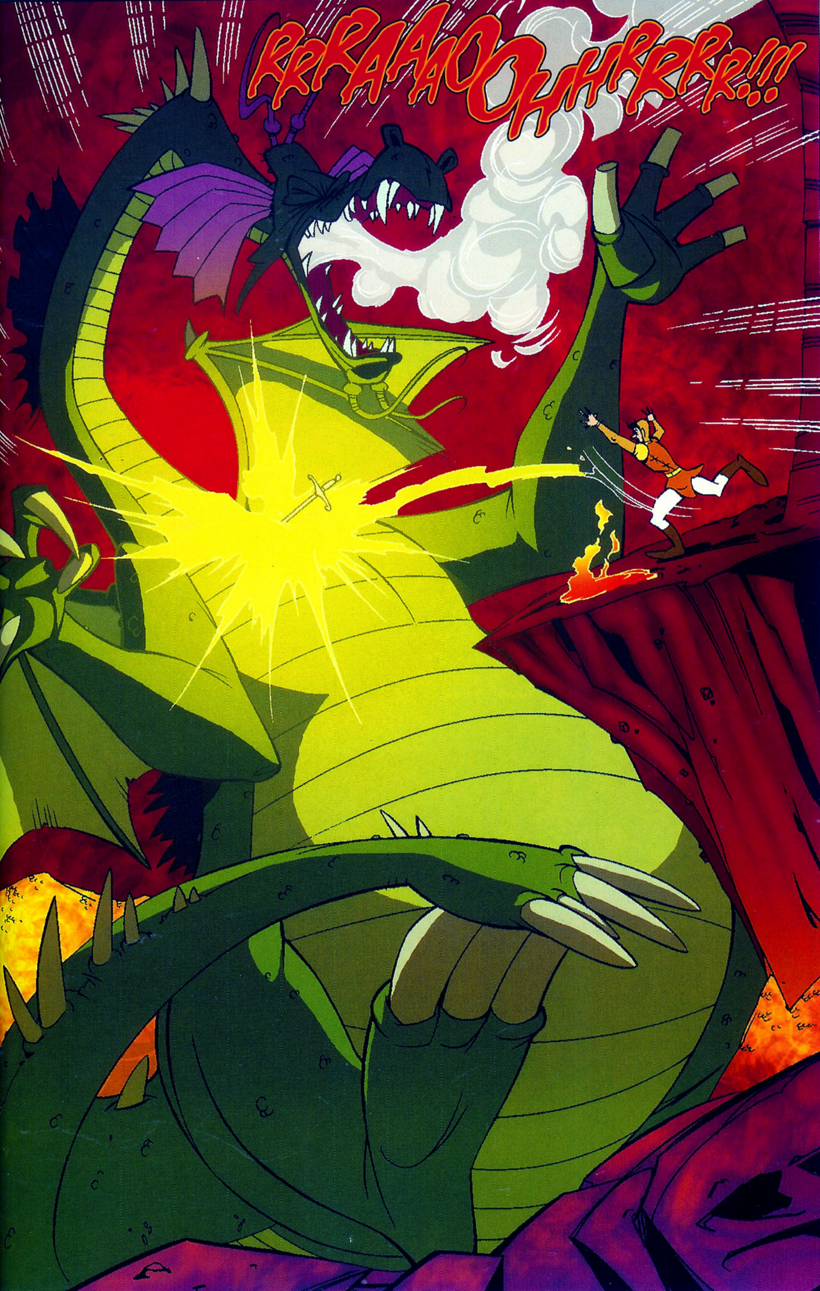

GET HIM, SINGE!
CHOMP HIM UP!
YEAH! CHOMP HIM!
WHUP WHUP WHUP
BRONK!
IS THAT THE BEST YOU HAVE, DIRK? PLEASE TELL ME THAT *DIRK THE DARING* HAS A BETTER STRATEGY THAN *THIS?*
Kade


OOH, AN AXE. THAT LOOKS *SCARY*.
OH NO. NOT A SPEAR!
YES, TRY THE FLAIL. THAT WILL WOUND ME.
HAHA HAHAHA HA!
I'M AN ELDER DRAGON, DIRK! DO YOU REALLY THINK THESE PUNY WEAPONS CAN HURT ME?
BROING!
KEEP TALKING, STUPID. TAKE THE BAIT. TAKE THE BAIT.
SLAMM!
OOOOF!
SCRRUUNCH!


C'MON... SINGE... IS THAT... THE BEST... YOU GOT?
NO, DIRK, THIS IS MY BEST.
WHHHHIIIIIFF--
HOOK...
FFWOOOOSH
LINE...


...AND SINKER.
AAIIIEEEEEE!
SINNNNNGGE! NOOOOOOOO!

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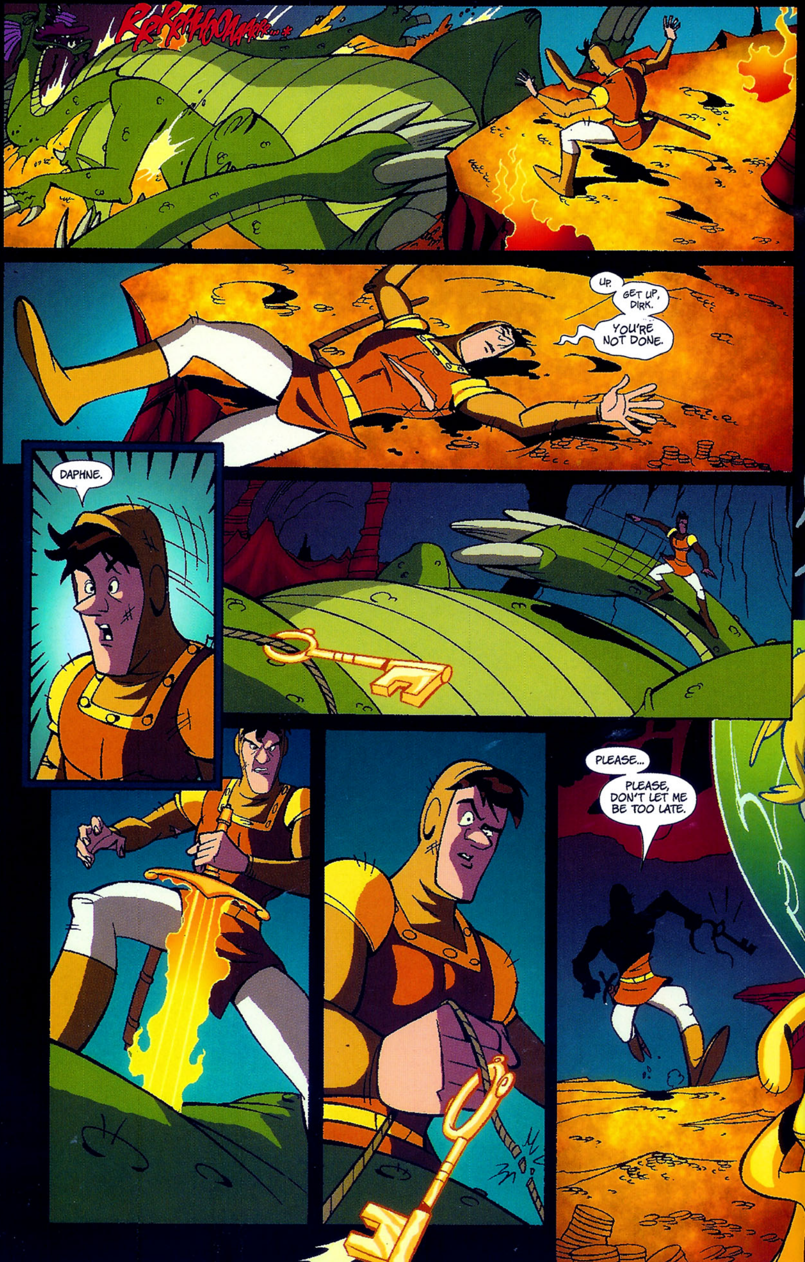
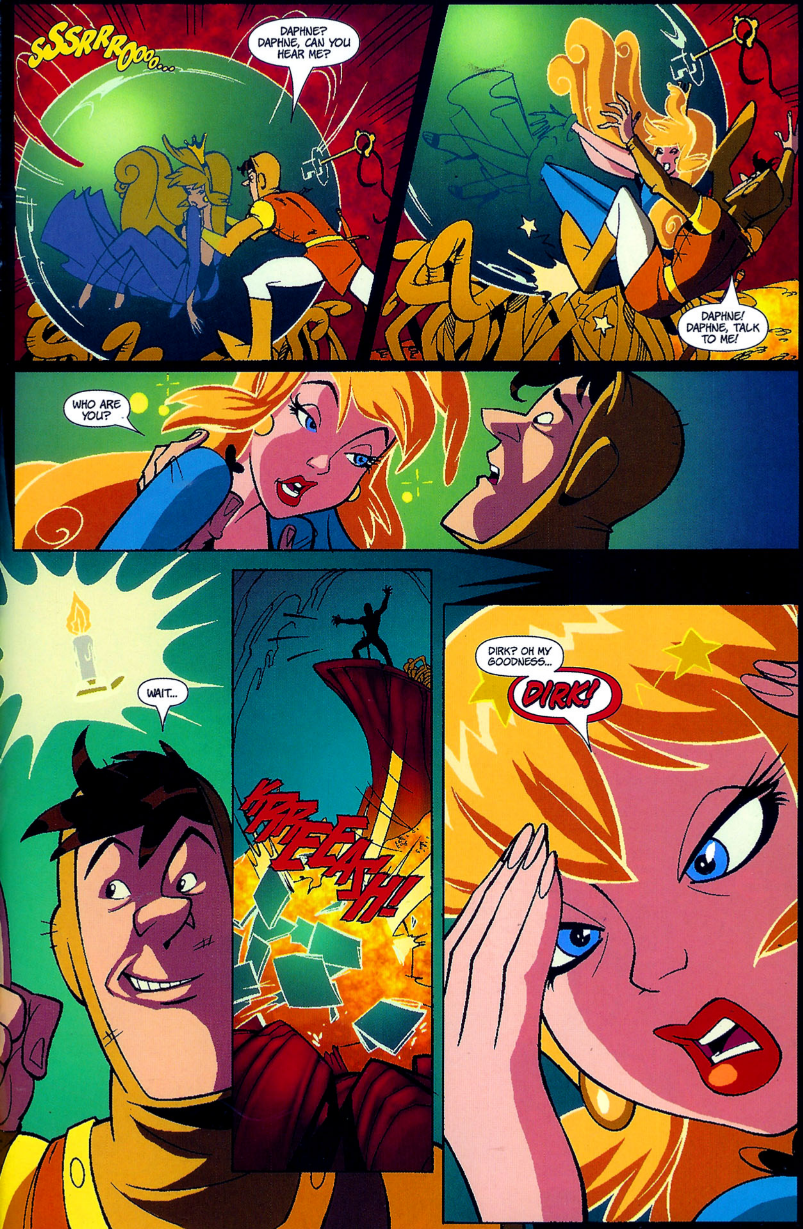
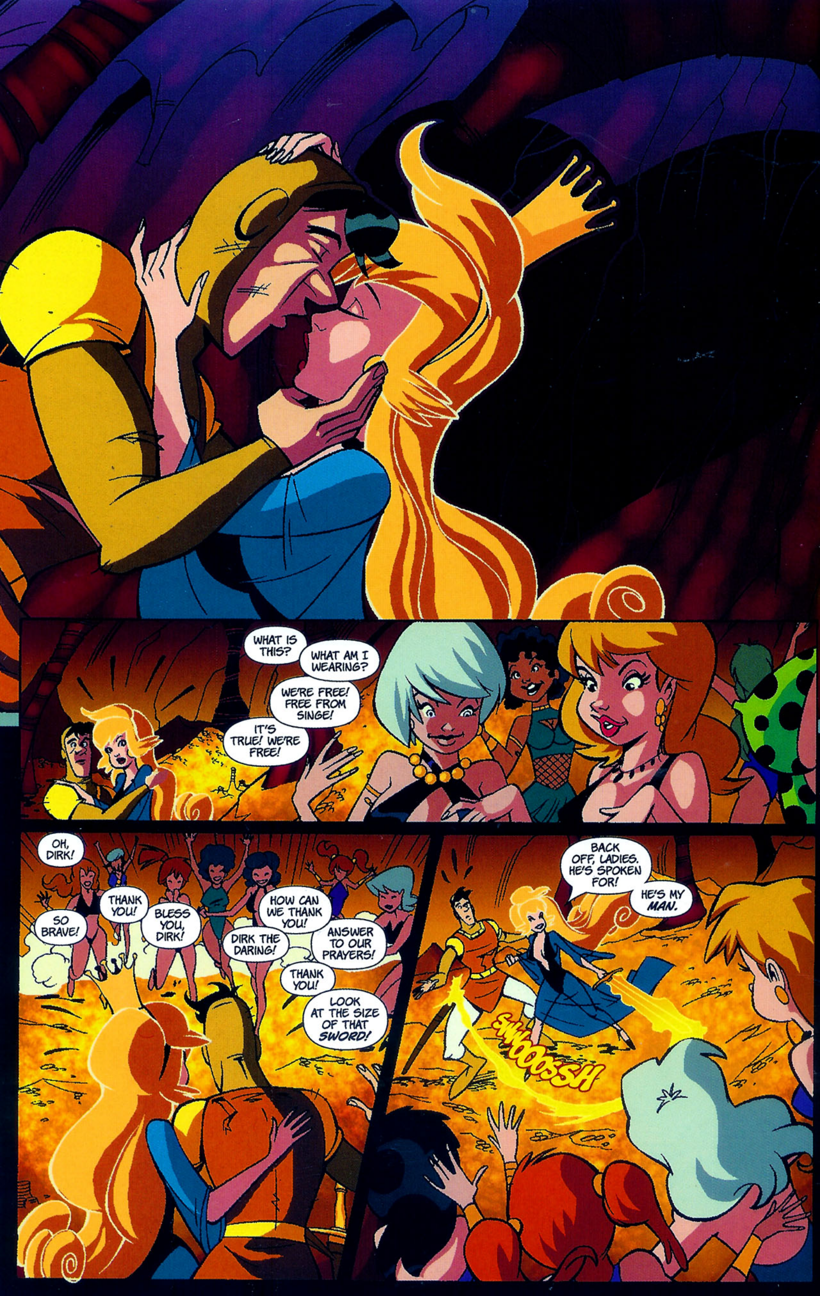
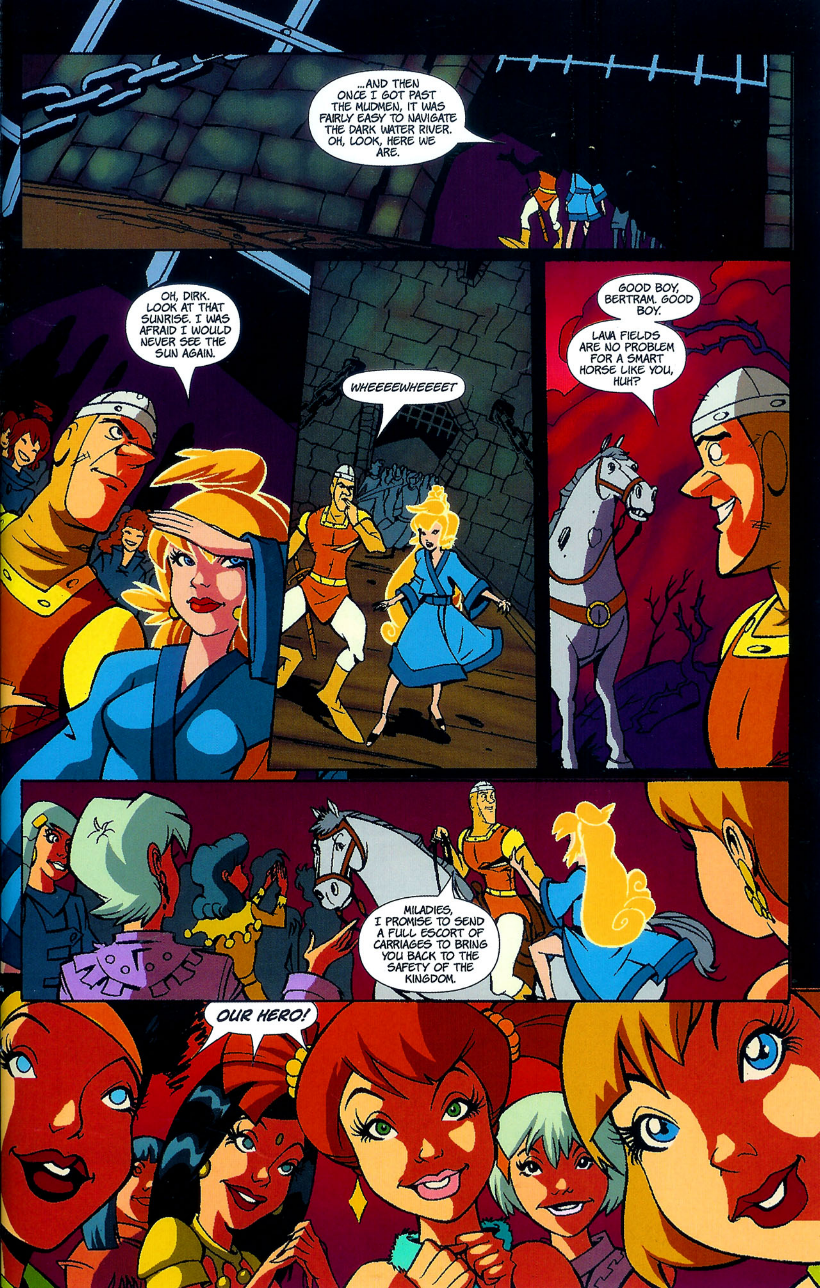
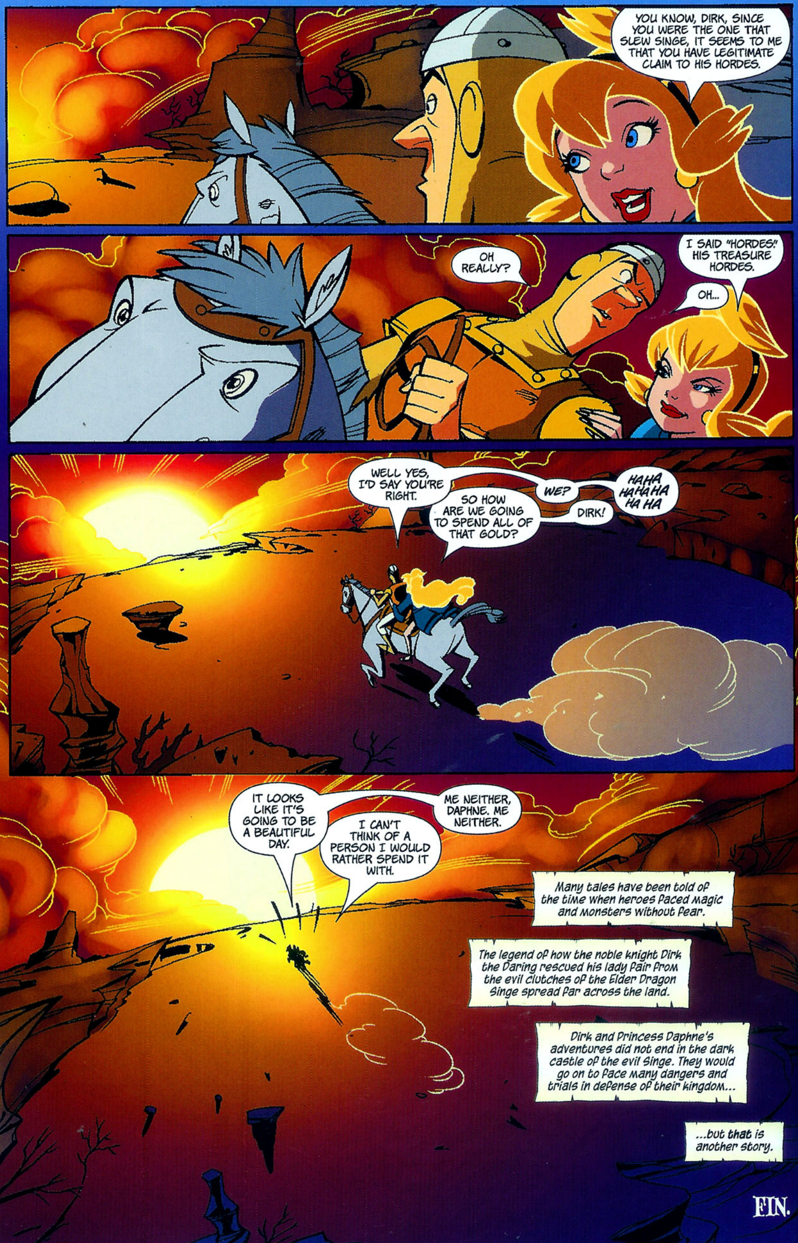
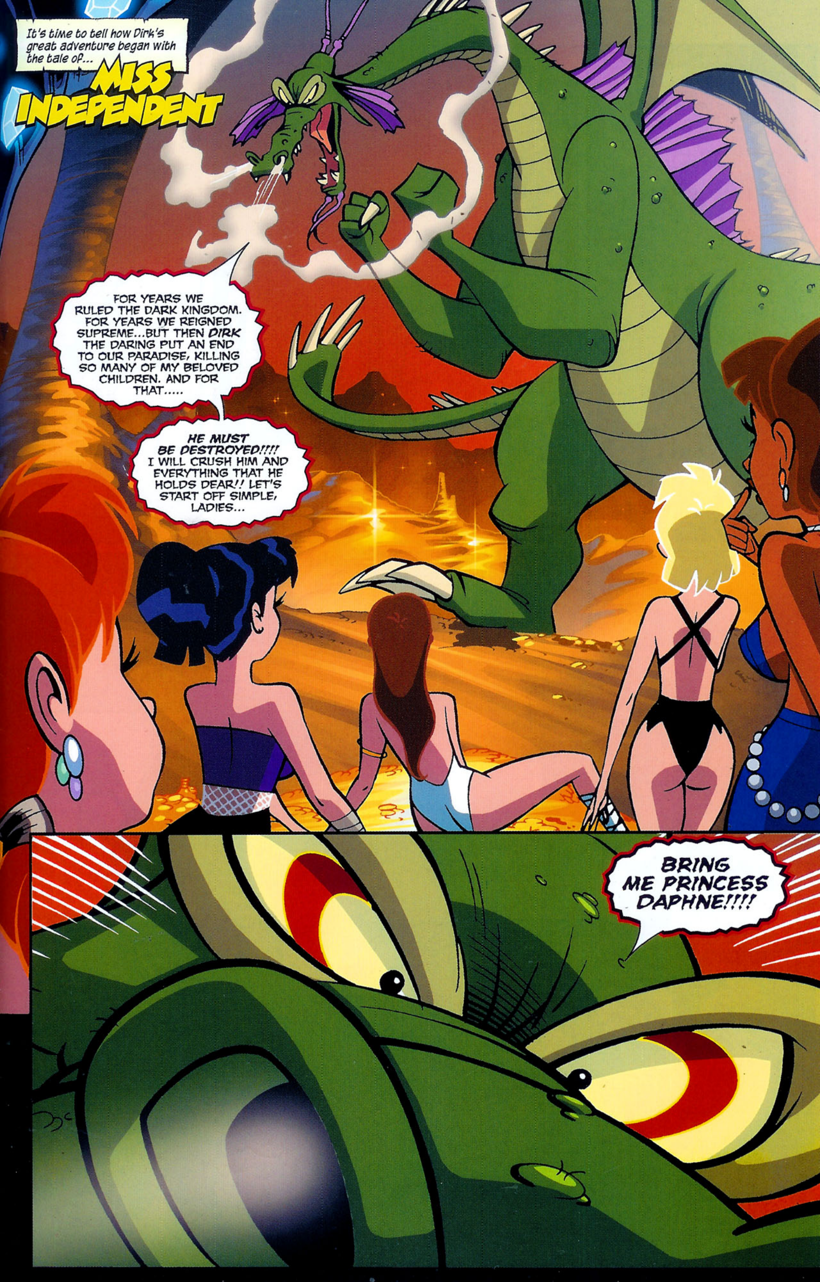

RRRRHHOOAAARRR...*
UP.
GET UP, DIRK.
YOU'RE NOT DONE.
DAPHNE.
PLEASE...
PLEASE, DON'T LET ME BE TOO LATE.

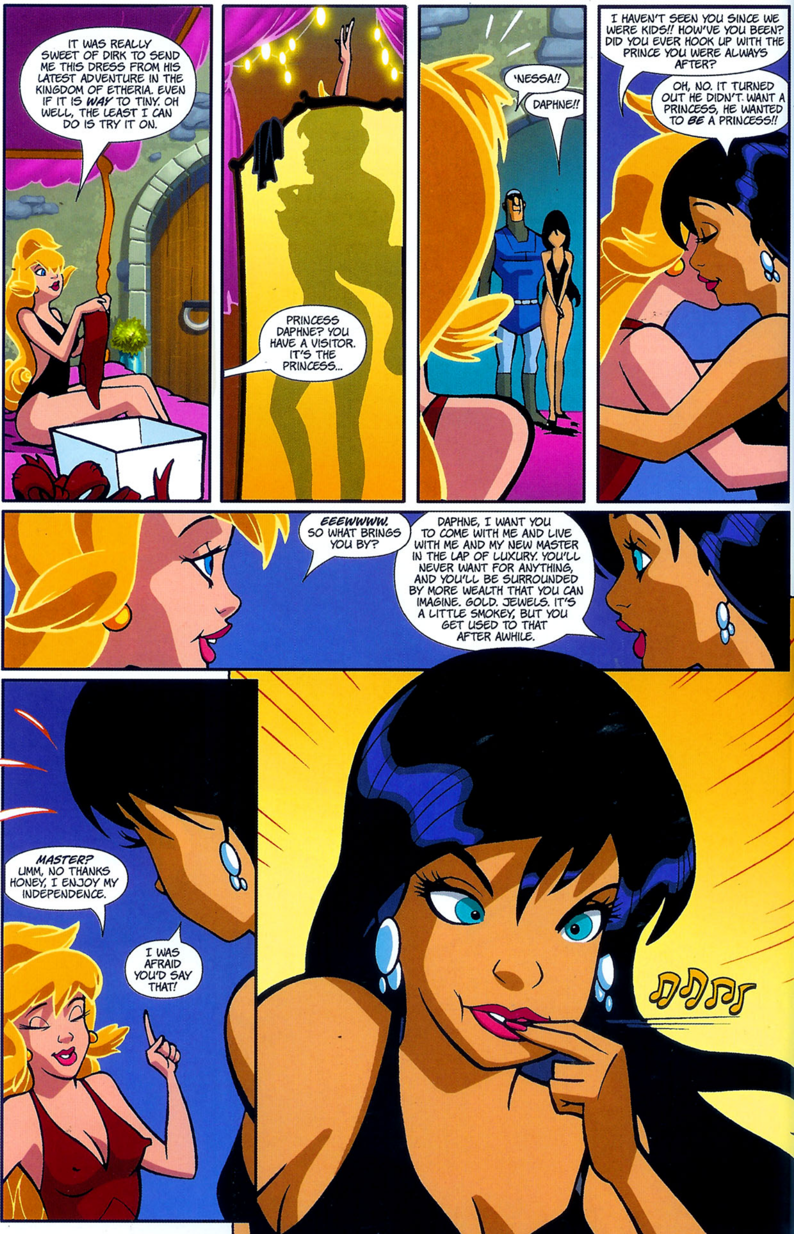

SSSRRROOOO...
DAPHNE? DAPHNE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
DAPHNE! DAPHNE, TALK TO ME!
WHO ARE YOU?
WAIT...
KRREEAASH!
DIRK? OH MY GOODNESS...
DIRK!


WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT AM I WEARING?
WE'RE FREE! FREE FROM SINGE!
IT'S TRUE! WE'RE FREE!
OH, DIRK!
SO BRAVE!
THANK YOU!
BLESS YOU, DIRK!
HOW CAN WE THANK YOU!
DIRK THE DARING!
ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS!
THANK YOU!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT *SWORD!*
BACK OFF, LADIES. HE'S SPOKEN FOR!
HE'S MY *MAN.*
SWOOOSSH


...AND THEN ONCE I GOT PAST THE MUDMEN, IT WAS FAIRLY EASY TO NAVIGATE THE DARK WATER RIVER. OH, LOOK, HERE WE ARE.
OH, DIRK. LOOK AT THAT SUNRISE. I WAS AFRAID I WOULD NEVER SEE THE SUN AGAIN.
WHEEEEWHEEEET
GOOD BOY, BERTRAM. GOOD BOY.
LAVA FIELDS ARE NO PROBLEM FOR A SMART HORSE LIKE YOU, HUH?
MILADIES, I PROMISE TO SEND A FULL ESCORT OF CARRIAGES TO BRING YOU BACK TO THE SAFETY OF THE KINGDOM.
OUR HERO!


YOU KNOW, DIRK, SINCE YOU WERE THE ONE THAT SLEW SINGE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU HAVE LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO HIS HORDES.
OH REALLY?
I SAID "HORDES." HIS TREASURE HORDES.
OH...
WELL YES, I'D SAY YOU'RE RIGHT.
SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO SPEND ALL OF THAT GOLD?
WE?
DIRK!
HAHA HAHAHA HA HA
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY.
I CAN'T THINK OF A PERSON I WOULD RATHER SPEND IT WITH.
ME NEITHER, DAPHNE. ME NEITHER.
Many tales have been told of the time when heroes faced magic and monsters without fear.
The legend of how the noble knight Dirk the Daring rescued his lady fair from the evil clutches of the Elder Dragon Singe spread far across the land.
Dirk and Princess Daphne's adventures did not end in the dark castle of the evil Singe. They would go on to face many dangers and trials in defense of their kingdom...
...but that is another story.
FIN.


It's time to tell how Dirk's great adventure began with the tale of...
MISS INDEPENDENT
FOR YEARS WE RULED THE DARK KINGDOM. FOR YEARS WE REIGNED SUPREME...BUT THEN *DIRK* THE DARING PUT AN END TO OUR PARADISE, KILLING SO MANY OF MY BELOVED CHILDREN. AND FOR THAT.....
HE MUST BE DESTROYED!!!! I WILL CRUSH HIM AND EVERYTHING THAT HE HOLDS DEAR!! LET'S START OFF SIMPLE, LADIES...
BRING ME PRINCESS DAPHNE!!!!


IT WAS REALLY SWEET OF DIRK TO SEND ME THIS DRESS FROM HIS LATEST ADVENTURE IN THE KINGDOM OF ETHERIA. EVEN IF IT IS *WAY* TO TINY. OH WELL, THE LEAST I CAN DO IS TRY IT ON.
PRINCESS DAPHNE? YOU HAVE A VISITOR. IT'S THE PRINCESS...
'NESSA!!
DAPHNE!!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WE WERE KIDS!! HOW'VE YOU BEEN? DID YOU EVER HOOK UP WITH THE PRINCE YOU WERE ALWAYS AFTER?
OH, NO. IT TURNED OUT HE DIDN'T WANT A PRINCESS, HE WANTED TO *BE* A PRINCESS!!
EEEWWWW. SO WHAT BRINGS YOU BY?
DAPHNE, I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME AND LIVE WITH ME AND MY NEW MASTER IN THE LAP OF LUXURY. YOU'LL NEVER WANT FOR ANYTHING, AND YOU'LL BE SURROUNDED BY MORE WEALTH THAT YOU CAN IMAGINE. GOLD. JEWELS. IT'S A LITTLE SMOKEY, BUT YOU GET USED TO THAT AFTER AWHILE.
MASTER? UMM, NO THANKS HONEY, I ENJOY MY INDEPENDENCE.
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT!
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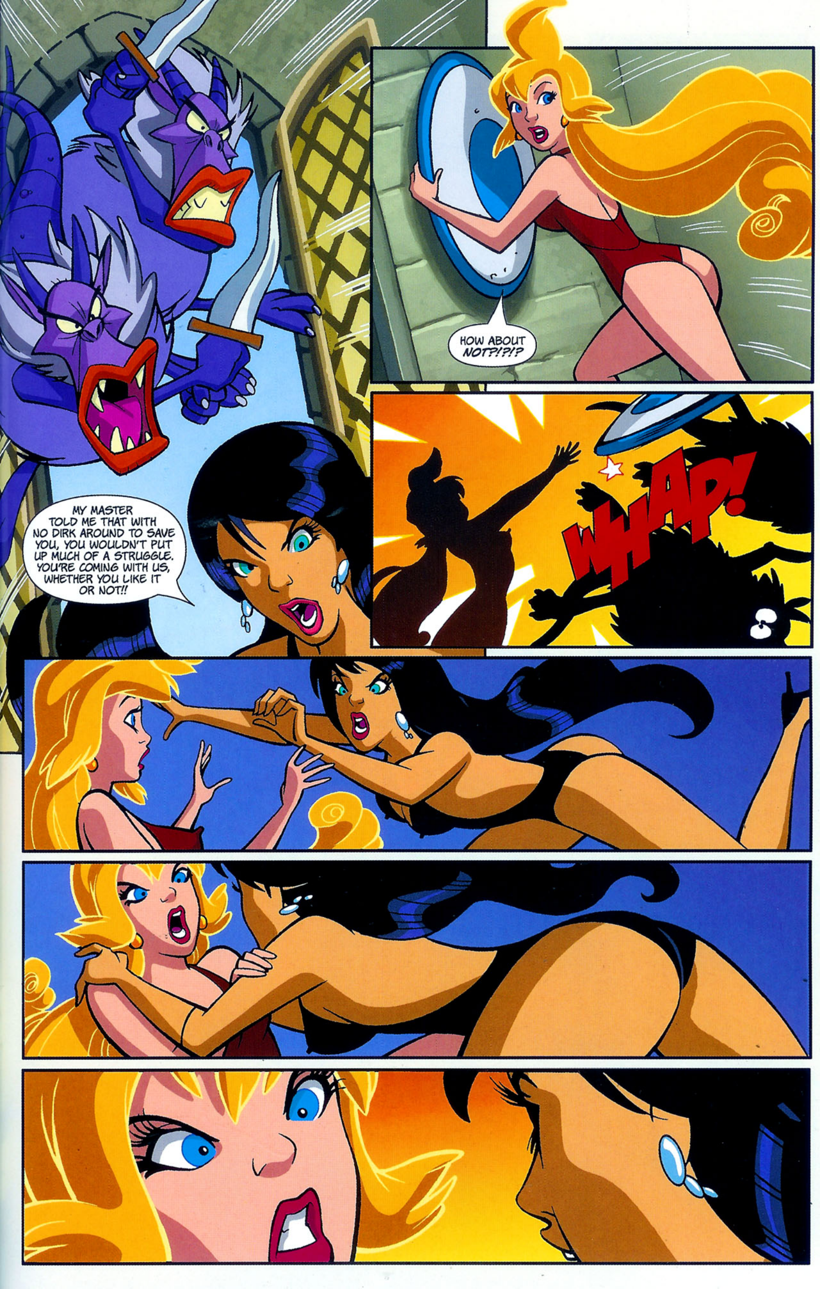
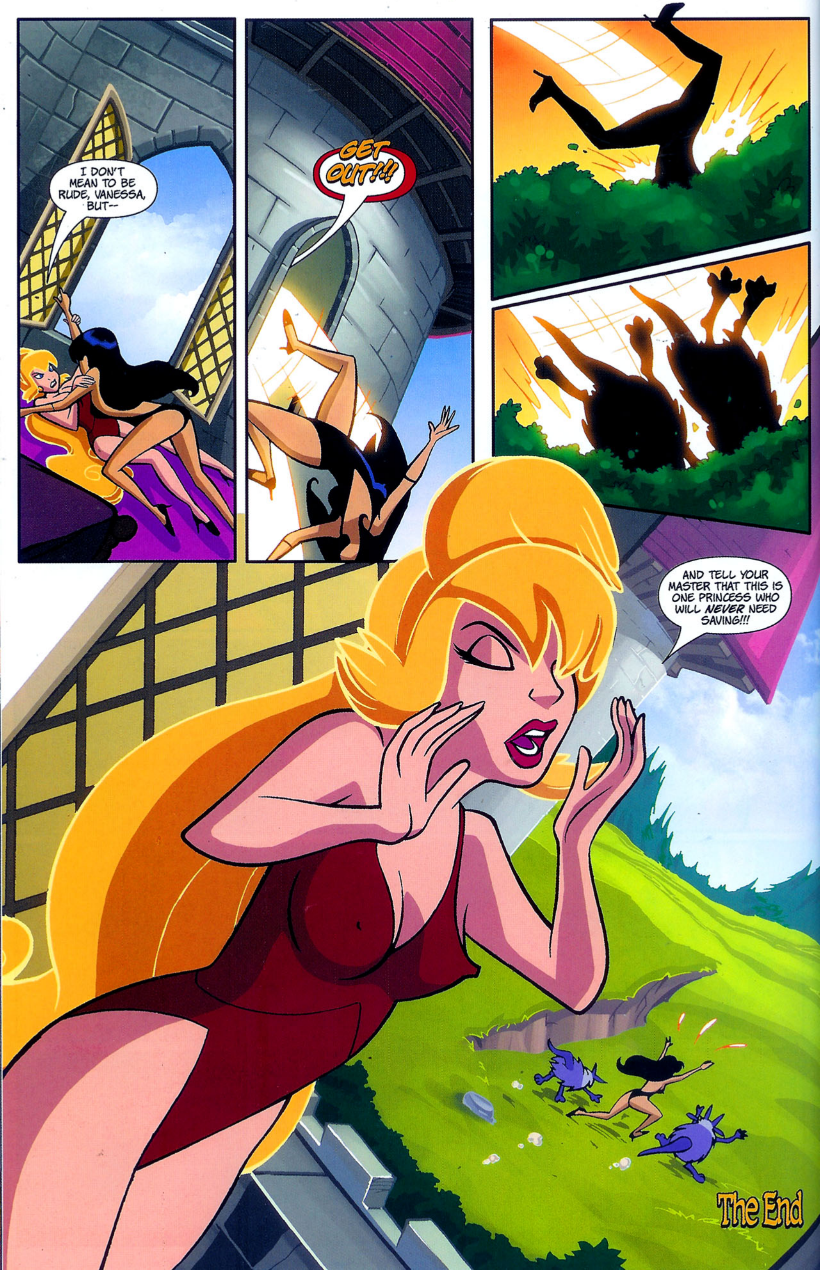

MY MASTER TOLD ME THAT WITH NO DIRK AROUND TO SAVE YOU, YOU WOULDN'T PUT UP MUCH OF A STRUGGLE. YOU'RE COMING WITH US, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!!
HOW ABOUT *NOT?!?!?*
WHAP!


I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, VANESSA, BUT--
GET OUT!!!
AND TELL YOUR MASTER THAT THIS IS ONE PRINCESS WHO WILL *NEVER* NEED SAVING!!!
The End

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